



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Walke <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1652
Application No.:	10/038,288	Examiner:	D. Steadman
Filed:	11/09/2001	Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0268-USA
Title: Novel Human Secreted Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same			

AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JULY 15, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on July 15, 2003 (Paper No. 10), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 10 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including December 15, 2003, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.